

Application No. 10/788,648
Response Dated April 10, 2006
Reply to Office Action of January 30, 2006

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. Remarks on the Amendment

The Specification has been amended to provide update information of the parent application.

Claims 20-21 have been canceled as these claims belong to the non-elected invention.

Claims 1, 3-6, 10, 13-15 and 18 have been amended to more specifically define Applicant's claimed invention.

Claims 2 and 12 have been canceled, as they become redundant after the amendment of independent Claims 1 and 10.

Applicant submits that no new matter has been introduced by the amendment.

2. Response to the Rejection of Claim Objections

Claims 1, 3-6, 10 and 14 have been amended to correct the informality.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully request withdrawal of the claim objections.

3. Response to the Rejection of Claims 1, 6, 10-11 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claims 1, 6, 10-11 and 16 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Luff (U.S. Patent No. 2,297,966). This rejection is respectfully traversed by the amendment.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter as defined by Claims 2-5, 12-15 and 17-19.

Applicant has incorporated all limitations of Claim 2 into independent Claim 1, which is equivalent to rewrite Claim 2 in independent form.

Similarly, all limitations of Claim 12 have been incorporated into independent Claim 10.

Upon these amendments, all claims are now in condition for allowance.

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Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 1, 6, 10-11 and 16 based upon 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

It is respectfully submitted that Claims 1, 3-6, 10-11 and 13-19, the pending claims, are now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Applicant's Agent respectfully requests direct telephone communication from the Examiner with a view toward any further action deemed necessary to place the application in final condition for allowance.

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